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WEST NILE VIRUS TESTING
Arizona State Health Laboratory

The Arizona State Health Laboratory (ASHL) conducts serologic testing for West Nile virus (WNV) and other mosquito-borne viruses such as St. Louis encephalitis (SLE), western equine encephalitis (WEE) and eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) viruses. Please Note: Testing is reserved for patients exhibiting WNV-compatible symptoms (West Nile fever, meningitis, encephalitis).

The following information must accompany WNV specimens:

Patient Name	Submitter's Name & Number
Date of Birth	Specimen Collection Date
Clinical Presentation	Onset Date
(ex. encephalitis)	

Testing may be delayed for any specimens submitted without appropriate information. Specimens (preferably serum or whole blood in a red top tube) can be shipped overnight on cold packs or hand-delivered to:

ARIZONA STATE HEALTH LABORATORY
ATTN: SEROLOGY
250 N. 17th AVE.
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007

Cerebral spinal fluid (CSF) can also be submitted.
For more information, contact epidemiology staff at your local health department or ADHS at 602-364-4562.

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